

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite Claims 4, 13, 15, 17 and 18 as follows:

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 including performing said ~~process~~ method in a closed vessel.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~including~~ wherein said vessel ~~having~~ as a unitary chamber.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 ~~including~~ wherein said ~~process-being~~ method is a continuous process.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 including during said ~~process~~ method introducing additional sample into said vessel.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 including during said ~~process~~ method withdrawing at least a portion of said gas phase from said vessel.